

410 IAC 1-2.5-148 Yersiniosis; specific control measures

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Sec. 148. The specific control measures for yersiniosis (infectious agents: *Yersinia enterocolitica* or *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis*) are as follows:

- (1) An investigation by the local health officer shall meet the following conditions:
 - (A) Be performed within seventy-two (72) hours.
 - (B) Include a seven (7) day history of the following prior to symptom onset:
 - (i) Food and drink consumption.
 - (ii) Water exposure.
 - (iii) Animal exposure.
 - (C) Determine if the affected individual is a:
 - (i) food employee;
 - (ii) daycare worker;
 - (iii) health care worker; or
 - (iv) daycare attendee, a school attendee, or anyone who lives at a residential institution.
 - (D) Determine if meal companions are additional cases.
 - (E) If a commercial food product or restaurant is suspected, conduct active surveillance for additional cases.
- (2) In addition to standard precautions, contact precautions are recommended for diapered or incontinent children. For all others, the following apply:
 - (A) Cases employed as food employees, daycare workers, health care workers, or in similar positions and cases who attend daycare, attend school, or anyone who is living in a residential institution shall be excluded from employment involving food handling and direct care of children or hospitalized or institutionalized patients until all of the following have occurred:
 - (i) The local health officer has determined the case has been asymptomatic for at least twenty-four (24) hours.
 - (ii) The case has been counseled about preventive measures, such as hand washing procedures, that must be followed to prevent transmission of disease.
 - (iii) The local health officer has discussed the following topics with the employer:
 - (AA) The employer's duty to comply with local and state rules pertaining to prevention of infectious diseases.
 - (BB) The availability of required proper hand washing facilities for all employees.
 - (CC) The correction of any observed lapses in hygienic measures by employees.
- (3) Concurrent disinfection is required for feces and fecal contaminated articles. Feces may be discarded in a sanitary sewage system without prior disinfection.
- (4) Quarantine is not required.
- (5) Immunization is not applicable. Protection of contacts is not applicable.
- (6) Case definition is established by the department.

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